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MESSAGE FROM

THE INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE: NOW WHAT?!?!?!?

You all are on fire! Membership applications continue to stream in to the International Executive Office in numbers never experienced before! For the first time, the vast majority of those applications have been submitted online. And more are coming in as a result of the initiations you have scheduled as well as the initiations that have already been conducted. Congratulations!

So... *now* what are you going to do?

Recruiting and initiating new members is the first step in growing our Chapters. But, while new members sustain our Chapters in terms of numbers, we can't expect them to get – and stay – involved on a meaningful level unless we provide them with worthwhile programming. Once they are initiated, it is time to deliver. Programming not only gives our members a reason to join, but it also prevents apathy from developing. Whether you are a member of our pre-law program, or are a law student or alumni member, the key to every P.A.D. Chapter's success is their programming. And it is never too late to start!

Searching for ideas? Examine what you need as a student or alumni member that you are not getting. Assess which



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Mission, Vision & Core Values

Mission

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International is a professional law fraternity advancing integrity, compassion and courage through service to the student, the school, the profession and the community.

Vision

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Corner

By Stephen T. King, International Secretary

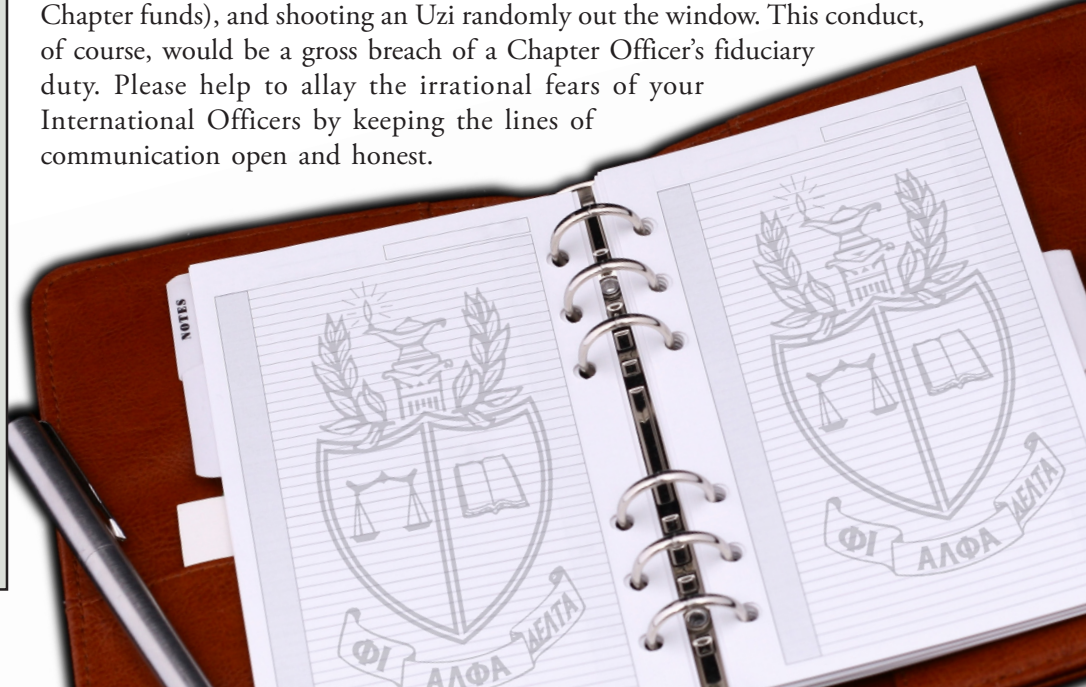
I am back for yet another biennium. The Clerk's Corner will continue under my stewardship for two more years as a result of my re-election to the position of International Secretary at the recently concluded Convention. Many thanks to those who attended and participated at Convention.

Phi Alpha Delta was not the only show in town when we descended upon Tampa, Florida for Convention this past August. It is my understanding that several of our delegates and key volunteers may have inadvertently ended up at the fetish convention taking place just a few blocks down the street. It was in this spirit that fraternal bonding met with fraternal bondage.

No sooner had Convention ended, when the new semester began, which includes District Conference season. A mere two weeks after returning home, I found myself driving across the length of Arkansas. Then, two weeks later, I was in San Diego. Though Fayetteville, Arkansas and southern California are vastly different culturally and geographically, the two events shared a common element—the fraternal bonds of P.A.D. membership.

These bonds are further strengthened by ongoing communication. Once the Convention is over and District Conference has passed, there is a real danger that the lines of communication will grow sporadic, or worse yet, fall silent all together. One of the chief duties of our Chapter clerks is to provide the vital and ongoing link of communication to the district justices, the Executive Office, and the International Executive Board. The clerk is expected to keep the minutes of the Chapter's meetings, not merely for the benefit of Chapter members, but also for the benefit of the entire fraternity. The Chapter clerk is expected to forward copies of the minutes to his or her district justice and to the Executive Office. This way, we know that everything is okay at the Chapter level and that all is functioning normally.

To paraphrase District VIII (Arkansas and Oklahoma) Justice Peter Scimeca, if we don't hear from you, we assume the worst, i.e. the Chapter Justice speeding down the highway in a stolen Corvette, toting ten kilos of cocaine (bought with Chapter funds), and shooting an Uzi randomly out the window. This conduct, of course, would be a gross breach of a Chapter Officer's fiduciary duty. Please help to allay the irrational fears of your International Officers by keeping the lines of communication open and honest.



Law Ops Review

By Jon Bassford, Director of Law Operations

So, we just initiated all of these new members. Now what?

Membership involvement is a challenge every Chapter in every organization faces. The point of joining any organization is to have like minded individuals working together toward a common goal. For our Chapters, this means working to fulfill the Fraternity's mission.

It is important that Chapters are driven by the membership and not just run by a group of officers. The Chapter membership must take an active role in the Chapter and the Fraternity.

When hosting District Conferences this year, I began to ask a few simple questions.

First, I asked "How many of *you* were ever asked to do something for the Chapter prior to running for an executive board position?" I was surprised by the results. The number of individuals that raised their hands was staggering. Less than 30% of the individuals I polled said they were asked to do something.

My next question..."How many of *you* have asked *your* members to do something?"

This is more than just asking them to attend an event. It's about asking them to participate in planning, i.e. reserving a room, sending out an email, etc. Chapters need to have their members actively involved with what the Chapter is doing.

How do *you* do that? The answer is a committee system. By setting up a committee system, the Chapter is accomplishing three things:

1. Increasing its profile and communication
2. Increasing Chapter programming while spreading the work load
3. Training its future leaders

In order for a Chapter to be successful, a Chapter must utilize the strengths and productivity of all of its members. The success of a Chapter cannot rest upon the shoulders of the officers alone!

The best way to jump start a committee system is to ask new members to sign up for committees at initiation. In fact, the Chapter can even make it a part of the initiation ceremony. If the Chapter has held initiation, pass around a committee sign-up sheet at the next Chapter meeting.

By implementing some of these suggestions, the Chapter will be primed to have a more organized and productive Chapter.

Please feel free to contact me in the Executive Office with any questions you may have regarding Chapter Operations.

Fraternally,
Jon

McReynolds Chapter

By Emily Poe, Justice

McReynold's Chapter delegates from the University of Tennessee spent some time cooling off in the water while celebrating their honor of Best Social Event for their St. P.A.D.dy's Day Boat Cruise at the Convention! The picture was taken on St. Petersburg Beach.

Pictured left to right: Andrew Keith Richards (Treasurer); Sachin Kori (Former Justice); Emily Poe (Current Justice); Mary Lauren Walden (Vice Justice).





2009–2010 Law School and Alumni Chapter Awards

Congratulations to all of this year's
award winners!

DISTRICT AWARDS

Outstanding District Award

1st Place

District XVI

2nd Place

District VII

3rd Place

District XI

Stan Jones Outstanding District Justice Award

1st Place

Melody Crick Peters, District I

Finalists

Christine Hutson, District VII

Elizabeth Sconzert-Downum,

District XVI

Most Improved District Award

1st Place

District XXII

2nd Place

District VIII

3rd Place

District II

LAW SCHOOL CHAPTER AWARDS

Outstanding Law School Chapter

1st Place

Butler Chapter

2nd Place

Rasco Chapter

3rd Place

Hoffman Chapter

Alex A. Hotchkiss Outstanding Law School Chapter Justice Award

1st Place

Allison Janowitz (*Rasco*)

2nd Place

Jose Valenzuela (*Wiener*)

3rd Place

Jennifer Lauermann (*Monroe*)

Outstanding Law School Chapter

Vice Justice

1st Place

Jason Eyberg (*Butler*)

2nd Place

Courtney Glover (*Sawyer*)

3rd Place

Tashalyn Cosimo (*Rasco*)

Frank E. Gray Outstanding Law School Clerk Award

1st Place

Sarah Soucie

Outstanding Law School Chapter Treasurer

1st Place

Morgan Flaherty (*Wiener*)

2nd Place

Jennifer Fadden (*Kenison*)

Outstanding Law School Chapter Marshal

1st Place

Hilary Heap (*Wiener*)

2nd Place

Ann Moynihan (*Kenison*)

3rd Place

Brian Cassidy (*Butler*)

Outstanding Professional Program

1st Place

Kenison–Alcohol Awareness Series

2nd Place

Burr–Judge's Night

3rd Place

Monroe–Discrimination CLE

Outstanding Academic Program

1st Place

Monroe–Mock Trial Class

2nd Place

Borah–Mastering the Blue Book

3rd Place

Rasco–Outline Bank

Outstanding Alumni Networking Program

1st Place

Rasco–3rd Annual Wine & Cheese

2nd Place

Truman–Attorney Night

3rd Place

Rasco–Carlos Martinez



Law Chapter Merit Awards

Benson Chapter • Butler Chapter
Harlan Chapter Hoffman Chapter
McReynolds Chapter Monroe Chapter
Rasco Chapter Story Chapter
Wiener Chapter

Most Improved Law Chapter Award

1st Place
Touro Chapter
2nd Place
Tilden Chapter
3rd Place
deDiego Chapter

ALUMNI CHAPTER AWARDS

Outstanding Alumni Chapter

1st Place
Chicago Alumni Chapter
2nd Place
West Suburban Alumni Chapter
3rd Place
Knoxville Alumni Chapter

Outstanding Alumni Chapter Justice

1st Place
Michelle Jochner
(Chicago Alumni Chapter)
2nd Place
Joseph Emmerth
(West Suburban Alumni Chapter)

Outstanding Alumni Chapter Vice Justice

1st Place
Pierre Priestley
(Chicago Alumni Chapter)
2nd Place
Vito Kirvelaitis
(West Suburban Alumni Chapter)

Outstanding Alumni Chapter Clerk

1st Place
B.J. Maley
(West Suburban Alumni Chapter)

Outstanding Alumni Chapter Treasurer

1st Place
Gloria Tsotsos
(West Suburban Alumni Chapter)

Outstanding Alumni Chapter Marshal

1st Place
Rachael Stokas
(West Suburban Alumni Chapter)

Outstanding Professional Program

1st Place
Knoxville Alumni Chapter
“How to Ethically Collect”
2nd Place
Knoxville Alumni Chapter
“Tennessee Supreme Court”
3rd Place
Buffalo Alumni Chapter
“Founders Day Brunch”

Outstanding Social Program

1st Place
West Suburban Alumni Chapter
“Summer Luau”
2nd Place
West Suburban Alumni Chapter
“End of Year Banquet”
3rd Place
Buffalo Alumni Chapter
“Lunch with Judge”

Outstanding Community Service Project

1st Place
West Suburban Alumni Chapter
“DuPage PADS/Bowling”
2nd Place
Chicago Alumni Chapter
“March of Dimes”
3rd Place
Chicago Alumni Chapter
“Dan Ward Scholarship”

Alumni Chapter Merit Awards

Buffalo Alumni Chapter
Chicago Alumni Chapter
Knoxville Alumni Chapter
West Suburban Alumni Chapter

Most Improved AL Chapter Award

1st Place
Knoxville Alumni Chapter
2nd Place
Buffalo Alumni Chapter
3rd Place
Valley of the Sun Alumni Chapter

Pictures of the awards winners can be found in the Online Edition of The Reporter at www.pad.org.

Outstanding Social Program

1st Place
McReynolds–St. P.A.D.Dy’s Day
2nd Place
Ross–Mammoth Ski Trip
3rd Place
Butler–Halloween Pre-Party

Outstanding Community Service

1st Place
Fish–Mercer Law Talent Show
2nd Place
Tilden–Giving and Getting Involved:
Relief for Haiti
3rd Place
Fleming–P.A.D. Fashion/Roast

Recruitment Awards

Top Recruitment Award

Lincoln Chapter (156)

100+ Awards

Lincoln Chapter and Benson Chapter

Greatest P.A.D./Student Body Ratio Award

Tureaud Chapter (66%)

"Meet or Beat" Awards

Benson Chapter Sawyer Chapter
Adams Chapter Tureaud Chapter
White Chapter Read Chapter
King Chapter Hooper Chapter
Cherry Chapter Van Zandt Chapter

MENSJE DE LA JUSTICIA INTERNACIONAL:

¿Y Ahora Qué?!?!?!?

Translated by Jose R. Campos, Cahn Chapter Clerk

¡Todos ustedes están encendidos! ¡Las solicitudes de membresía continúan llegando a la Oficina Ejecutiva Internacional en números que nunca habíamos experimentado! Por primera vez, la gran mayoría de las solicitudes han sido sometidas por Internet. Y más siguen llegando a consecuencia de las iniciaciones que han sido programadas así como las iniciaciones que se han llevado a cabo. ¡Felicitaciones!

Así que... *ahora* ¿qué es lo que van a hacer?

Reclutar e iniciar miembros nuevos es el primer paso para hacer crecer a nuestros Capítulos. Pero, aunque los miembros nuevos son los que sostienen a nuestros Capítulos en términos de números, nosotros no podemos esperar de ellos a que se involucren—y se mantengan involucrados—en un nivel significativo a menos que les proveamos a ellos una programación que valga la pena. En el momento en que ellos sean iniciados, es cuando hay que cumplir. La programación no solo les da a nuestros miembros una razón para unirse a PAD, sino que también previene a que la apatía se desarrolle. Ya sea que tú seas un miembro de nuestro programa de pre-leyes, o eres un estudiante de leyes o un miembro egresado, la llave del éxito de cada Capítulo de P.A.D. es su programación. ¡Y nunca es tarde para comenzar!

¿Están buscando ideas? Examinen que es lo que necesitan, como estudiantes o miembros egresados, que todavía no han obtenido. Evalúen cuales son las necesidades que otras organizaciones han logrado satisfacer. Piensen sobre temas que les interesarían y ayudarían. ¿Existen algunas controversias locales? Después de todo, ¡es un año de elecciones! Vallan a la oficina del Decano, de Desarrollo Profesional o Servicios de Carreras o a la oficina de Servicios de Exalumnos, y pidan algunas sugerencias para programas.

Para mantener a los miembros invertidos en el proceso y darles posesión de los logros del Capítulo, instituyan un sistema de comités (si no lo han hecho ya) para planear y después implementar una programación amplia apropiada para las necesidades de la membresía y las del cuerpo general de estudiantes. Los recursos abundan para que ustedes los usen. Para fuente de información, consulten el Manual de Operaciones para el Capítulo localizado en línea (Chapter Operations Manuals). Pregúntenle a su Juez de Distrito o Presidente de Distrito de Pre-Leyes, llamen a la Oficina Ejecutiva, llamen a otros miembros de otros Capítulos, o pregúntenle a los miembros de la Junta Ejecutiva Internacional.

Aunque la mayoría de nuestras solicitudes de membresía han sido suministradas por Internet este semestre, imaginen como se vería y sentiría nuestra Fraternidad si no hubiera ningún trato personal o

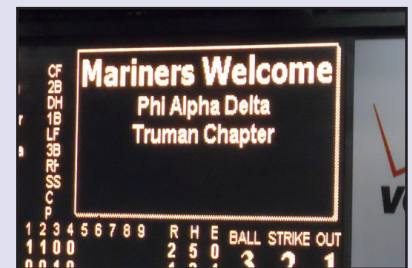
Truman Chapter

By Michael Callahan,
Alumni Representative

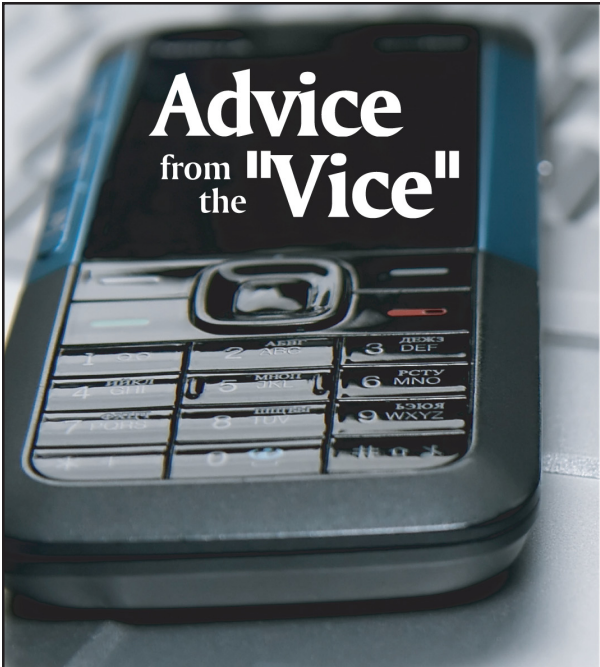
The Truman Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta has been actively recruiting and fundraising this year. We hosted a game night at Safeco Field with the Seattle Mariners to help increase our Chapter's presence on campus. The high point of the evening was when our Chapter was officially welcomed to the game on Safeco Field's scoreboard. Although the home team lost, our Chapter was the real winner—we earned \$200 and substantially increased our number of recruits. So far, we are on track to recruit over forty new members this year!

Additionally, the Chapter's executive board has planned a wide variety of fundraising and networking events for the near future. Next month we are holding an "Attorney Happy Hour," where our members can meet and network with local Phi Alpha Delta alumni. Last year, our Chapter hosted an award-winning attorney dinner, and we hope either to repeat or surpass our performance this year. Furthermore, our Chapter has teamed up with the Northwest Harvest food distributor in Kent, Washington, to serve the community and get our members involved in helping others.

This year, our Chapter also had the pleasure of hosting the District I Leadership Conference at Seattle University. Besides meeting our fellow executive board members from Borah, Connelly, Lusk and Williams Chapters, the conference also gave us the opportunity to share and brainstorm new ways to fundraise, increase our membership, and aid the community. Although our Chapter has accomplished a great deal so far, our board is certain that we can still do a lot more!



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Advice from the "Vice"

By Ronald J. Winter, International Vice Justice

Autumn is in the air. The nights are cooler; sleeping is better. A coating of dew greets us—and our footwear—in the morning as we scurry to gather the morning paper, the milk, or whatever we may have left on the lawn the night before.

That means that District Conference season is upon us as well. Many of us on the Executive Board have been traveling on weekends to visit you at your locations. We may have met some of you at Convention and we are reuniting for P.A.D. business, while others we are meeting for the first time. We're getting an opportunity to get better acquainted as we pursue the goals, ideals and purpose of Phi Alpha Delta.

One of our goals is to assist you in conducting Chapter operations in a way that will ensure the success and continuity of your Chapter. We offer hints about certain methods that have worked over the years at other Chapters, based upon our experiences and those of others. In conjunction with your District Justice, we present written materials that summarize programming ideas for your officers to consider. The Executive Office authors, maintains and distributes manuals and other written forms on the website.

In an ideal world, you will read that information, study it, and decide how best to use it at your Chapter. You may need to brainstorm these ideas, tweak some of the offerings to fit your situation (campus location and size; student body population and interests; administrative rules), and experiment a bit to see what works. The bottom line, however, is that the ideas will be of no use to you if you do not take the time to acknowledge them.

In the same way that successful attorneys do not go near a courtroom without being prepared, you should not conduct programs at your school without a plan. And for that plan to be successful, you have to prepare—by reading and learning ahead of time. What better starting point than the already prepared forms and manuals offered to you at the District Conference?

I make it my purpose at some point during the meeting to recommend that the attendees READ the materials in the handout binder or folder. I suggest that those traveling by automobile listen while one of the participants reads through a list of programming ideas that the rest can consider and discuss. (NOTE: Not recommended for those driving alone. Please keep your eyes on the road!) Otherwise, the materials go unread once the student(s) return to the grind of law school and the other reading assignments which await. The ride home is the perfect time to absorb and ponder these programming ideas.



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needs are met by other groups. Then examine the needs not currently or adequately being met by other organizations. Think about topics that would interest and assist you. Are there any local controversies raging? It is after all an election year! Go to the Dean's office, Career Services or Alumni Services and ask for program suggestions.

To keep members invested in the process and give them ownership in the success of the Chapter, institute a committee system (if you haven't already) to plan and then implement a wide range of programming suited to the needs of your membership and the general student body.

Resources abound for you to use. For a wealth of information, consult the Chapter Operations Manuals on line. Ask your District Justice or Pre-Law District President, call the Executive Office, call other Chapters' members, or ask a member of the International Executive Board.

Even though the majority of our membership applications have come to us online thus far this semester, imagine what our Fraternity would look and feel like if there was no personal touch or interaction. What if we didn't have social events to attend with people who share our core values? What if we didn't offer programs that are modeled after our motto of **service to the student, the**

school, the profession and the community? I submit to you that our Fraternity would be very shallow rather than the deep well of strength and opportunity it is today through our programming.

You get P.A.D. and are helping make sure others get it too! Thanks for a great start to the 2010–2012 biennium!

Fraternally ~

Rhonda Hill,
International Justice



58th Biennial Convention Highlights

By Leslie Plummer, Editor, *The Reporter*

The Phi Alpha Delta Biennial Convention is always a memorable event, and this year's was no exception. This August, P.A.D. members from across the country gathered in Tampa, Florida to help set the Fraternity's course for the next biennium, gain leadership skills, and socialize with their brothers and sisters.

Events kicked off on Tuesday, August 3rd, with the Key Volunteer Reception. International Justice Rhonda Hill (*Cole*) presented the International Executive Board members with awards in recognition of their dedication and hard work during the previous biennium. The highlight of the evening, however, was when International Justice Hill honored Executive Director Andrew Sagan by initiating him into the National Capital Area Alumni Chapter.

The Convention opened on a sad note, as we had learned that Past Supreme Justice Matthew "Sandy" Rae had passed away the previous day. John F. Weitkamp (*Ford*) delivered a touching tribute to Brother Rae during the opening session. (*Brother Weitkamp's tribute can be read on page 23 of this issue.*) The Honorable Diane P. Wood delivered the Convention's Keynote Speech, after which, she was presented with Phi Alpha Delta's Barbara C. Jordan Award.

Other awards recipients included John J. McAulay Legal Educator Award winner Professor John O. Sonsteng of the William Mitchell School of Law, and Tom C. Clark Award winner Morris Dees.

Friday evening, P.A.D. members joined children and foster families from Hillsborough Kids and 4 Generations to make cards to send to military personnel deployed overseas. Captain Paula Clark of the U.S. Air Force led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and spoke about her experiences in the armed forces and the importance of supporting those who serve in the military.

On Saturday the Convention delegates elected the 2010–2012 International Executive Board and International Tribunal. The Convention wrapped up Saturday evening with the International Awards Banquet (the list of winners can be found on pages 6-7). The most memorable part of the evening, however, was the induction of Past International Justice Fredric H. Pearson (*Chase*) into the Distinguished Service Chapter—Phi Alpha Delta's highest honor. The Distinguished Service Chapter is composed of members of the Fraternity who have been selected in recognition of unusual and outstanding service to the Fraternity. Membership is determined by unanimous election by the International Executive Board. Brother Pearson was visibly moved and honored to be elected to the DSC. A brief biography of Brother Pearson can be found in the Online Edition of *The Reporter* at www.pad.org.

Thank you to all of our Convention attendees and the Convention Host Committee, led by John Miquel (*Mentschikoff*), who helped make this Convention the best yet!



Expand and Enhance: Cahn Chapter 2010

By Jose R. Campos, Clerk

The Cahn Chapter organized its annual recruiting event, “PAD Thai,” in a local restaurant and bar next door to the University of DC. In promoting the event, the Chapter specifically targeted 1Ls but all students were encouraged to attend and enjoy a dish of Pad Thai and learn more about the fraternity. Students ate and enjoyed a fraternal chat with the Chapter officers who answered questions about the fraternity and its mission. Applications were distributed at the hosting table and some students filled them out and turned them in right there at the event. The event was successful because it was informational but in a fun, social setting. Many 1Ls who were interested in the fraternity expressed their excitement to get involved in upcoming P.A.D. events.

The Cahn Chapter will be hosting one of its biggest events—the annual “Disgrace Judicata” Halloween party to raise funds for the Chapter. There will be a traditional costume contest with prizes for the best female and best male costume, as well as music, food, drinks, and an opportunity for everyone to take a break from the usual classroom setting. The event is usually held in a DC bar where students can relax and take a day off from studying, and all local Chapters are welcome to attend. For more details, contact an officer of the Cahn Chapter. We will also be sending email invitations to local Chapter officers once details for the event are made final.

Among other events scheduled for this upcoming semester are a “Dress for Success” program, a presentation on “Alternative Careers with a JD,” and Christmas caroling at a neighborhood senior citizens home. We will hold “The Clinical Panel,” which will be a panel discussion comprised of P.A.D. members who are enrolled in a clinic program speaking about their clinical experiences. This will be open to all students to help them make an informed clinic choice. To improve alumni relations, we plan to invite alumni to be part of the panel at “Alternative Careers with a JD” and then fully reach out to all Cahn Chapter alumni towards the end of the year with the “Alumni Dinner Reconnection.” Our focus this year is to expand and enhance our programs to benefit our members, student body, and local community. We look forward to a great year!



*Above: Scenes from the 2009
“Disgrace Judicata” Halloween
Party.*

McManus Chapter and New Mexico Statewide Alumni Chapter Mix and Mingle for 1st Fall Bar Review

On September 3, 2010 at the Monte Vista Fire Station, the McManus Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International invited current P.A.D. members to meet with their fellow law students and prospective P.A.D. members at the first fall P.A.D. Bar Review. The New Mexico Statewide Alumni Chapter was also invited to join the Chapter at this



kickoff event. Over 70 people came out for food, drinks and great conversation as part of this social and rush event. We were able to get 10 new members to sign up for P.A.D. at this event. Alumni members in attendance included McManus Chapter Alumni from the classes of 2009, 2008, 2007, 2000, and 1998. This was the first of many joint alumni/law student events in New Mexico, and both Chapters are looking forward to future joint events. Any P.A.D. alumni members interested in learning more about the New Mexico Statewide Alumni Chapter please email District V Justice Robert Lara at robertlara@hotmail.com.

Jordan Chapter Hosts Candid Discussion with Top Firms

By DaSean A. Jones, Justice

The Executive Board at the Barbara C. Jordan Chapter debuted their newest program, "P.A.D. Career Hour: The Series," on September 15, 2010. The event was created to provide students exposure to attorneys in order to provide candid insight about various practice areas. In particular, the program will answer three questions with respect to the career path:

- (1) "How do you get there?"
- (2) "What do you do when you get there?"
- (3) and most importantly, "Is this really for me?"

The first installment was titled "Big Firms." The panel featured Brian Brown (Partner, Porter & Hedges), Marlen Whitley (Associate, Thompson & Knight), and Kadian Roberts (Associate, Fulbright & Jaworski). Each panelist explained their perspective career paths which had considerable distinctions; however, each stressed the



importance of strong academic, professional, and personal experiences.

The program is co-chaired by Treasurer Audia F. Moses and Marshal Brandon E. Ball. "Programs like this allow students to create realistic plans for the future by providing usable information, moving them out of that pesky gray area in effort to adequately make decisions with respect to career management," said DaSean A. Jones (Justice).

"We certainly feel this is a step in the right direction for our Chapter, we have rejuvenated our Chapter's programming and increased information sharing with other Houston Chapters, this

will allow us to set the conditions for success this year in Houston," stated Brandon E. Ball.

In October, the Jordan Chapter will host a Career Hour that focuses on Judicial Clerkships. The event will take place at Thurgood Marshall School of Law and is open to other Chapters as well as the student body at large. "I'm excited about this year," exclaimed Audia F. Moses.

For further information, please contact DaSean Jones at seanj2011@gmail.com.



Franklin Chapter News

By Janaye Martin, Vice Justice

The Franklin Chapter has had a busy and exciting start to the school year with a successful recruitment event at the Coronado Yacht Club during 1L orientation weekend. Thanks to our Marshal, Eric Bernsen, and his proactive recruitment strategies, our Chapter has already surpassed our previous record of 67 initiates in a year with an amazing 74 new members in just one semester! We look forward to the possibility of earning the 100 New Member Award at the end of the school year.

Our Chapter also hosted a 1L Panel academic event where members of Law Review, Moot Court, and other members of the top 15% of their class gave advice to 1L students on how to be successful in law school. The Franklin Chapter has also implemented a new 1L mentorship program in which every new 1L member is assigned to a successful 2L or 3L member for advice and support. Our Chapter is striving not only for the success of our Chapter this year, but to each individual member as well.

Right top: The Franklin Chapter Executive Board
Right bottom: Franklin Chapter's first Fall initiation of 54 new members.



Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Program Welcomes 296th and 297th Pre-Law Chapters

Phi Alpha Delta is pleased to welcome the Iowa State University Chapter into the P.A.D. Pre-Law program. The chartering effort, led by President Blake Hanson, culminated in the installation of the Chapter on August 29th in Ames, Iowa.

The Chapter ceremony was led by International Justice Rhonda Hill, Past International Justice J. Derek Hill and Director of Pre-Law Operations Byron K. Rupp and welcomed the chartering class of 12 into the Fraternity.

As this issue goes to print, the ballots are in and the date is set. Our 297th Chapter of the P.A.D. Pre-Law Program will be installed on October 1st at Penn State University. Please join us in welcoming our newest Chapters by sending congratulations to the Executive Office!



Iowa State University Pre-Law Chapter

By Cassandra Lehr, Secretary

On August 29th, Iowa State University became the 296th Pre-Law Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, marking a tremendous achievement for pre-law students attending a university focused mainly on engineering and agriculture. During the past few years Iowa State University has shown an increasing number of students interested in the social sciences, especially in the area of law. Founder and current President Blake Hanson started the idea of a P.A.D. Chapter at ISU during the fall of 2009. Through word of mouth and constant campaigning, students from a variety of majors stepped forward and showed their interest and support for the organization.

Less than one year later, our chartering members were initiated into P.A.D.

International Justice Rhonda Hill, past International Justice J. Derek Hill, and Director of Pre-Law Operations Byron Rupp were all in attendance for the initiation ceremony. A reception was held afterwards for members to discuss ideas for the Chapter as well as what P.A.D. had to offer. At our first meeting Michelle Jungers-Synarong, attorney for Iowa Legal Aid, spoke to the club about the function of Iowa Legal Aid, volunteer opportunities, and the possibility of working with P.A.D. in a future philanthropy project. Upcoming meetings for the semester will include speakers from Kaplan, local attorneys, and even an Iowa Supreme Court Justice. Plans are already in the works to have County Attorneys, State Legislators, Public Defenders and County Prosecutors speak at our meetings. The Iowa State Pre-Law Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta looks forward to its first year and expects great things to come!



*Above top: International Justice Rhonda Hill, Chapter President Blake Hanson, Past International Justice J. Derek Hill, Pre-Law Operations Director Byron Rupp
Above: The newly-installed Iowa State University Pre-Law Chapter.*

FAMU Pre-Law Update

By Shellie Washington, Pre-Law Historian

The FAMU Pre-Law Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta takes great pride in our work. During the summer of 2010 we had several fundraisers and community service events, including canned food drives and toy drives.

Our members are very active on campus both in the Student Government Association, as well as in other prominent organizations on campus with whom we partner for various events.

Our Chapter spends a lot of time preparing for the LSAT and encouraging professional development. This past week we held a professional development workshop that was open to all students at FAMU. We have visited law schools such as FAMU College of Law and Florida State Law School where we were able to talk with Phi Alpha Delta's law school members. In addition, we hosted a presentation by Knewton who discussed their LSAT Prep Program. Our Chapter has a Facebook fan page as well as a Twitter page so students can learn about Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law and our events. So far, our Chapter has been very productive and we plan to do even greater things in the future.



Members of FAMU Pre-Law during one of their many community service events.

2010–2011 Leadership Symposia Off to Successful Start

The first three of the eight scheduled Fall Leadership Symposia have already been conducted. Sixty-five students from fifteen schools in D.C., Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and New Jersey attended the Washington D.C. Leadership Symposia hosted by Kaplan on September 11th. The following week, twenty-five students from six Chapters in Iowa, Missouri and Kansas attended the Leadership Symposia in Columbia, Missouri, the first of eleven hosted by this year's Pre-Law Program Premier Sponsor and Underwriter, The Princeton Review. The third Leadership Symposia, held September 25th in Columbus, OH and hosted again by The Princeton Review, was held in front of representatives from five Chapters in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

Response to the Leadership Symposia has been overwhelming. As we enter our third year of holding these Saturday leadership development sessions, Chapters that have attended have increased their Chapter Programming, seen increased new membership applications, and experienced an improvement in the retention and activity rate of their membership as a whole.

There are a total of eight Leadership Symposia scheduled for the Fall 2010 calendar and an additional four in Spring 2011. Attendees learn about developing their own leadership skills as well as those of future Chapter Officers. Attendees also learn about Fraternity policies, expectations and ways to improve their Chapter programming. For more information about the P.A.D. Pre-Law Leadership Symposia, or to RSVP for the next one near you, please go to the Pre-Law Chapters page at www.pad.org.

Here's what your peers have said about the Leadership Symposia in the past:

I personally wanted to tell you thank you for the wonderful meeting we had this past weekend. I had tons of fun and I also learned so much while there. I know with all the information that you provided us our Chapter will only grow and become stronger. Thank you once again for the conference. I had a wonderful time with you and I cannot wait to see you in DC [at the Pre-Law Conference] in November.—Key'onta Johnson, William Woods University (Fall 2010)

I wanted to say thank you for leading and organizing the symposium today. The four of us from IU had a really great time and the entire four hour drive home flew by as we were making plans to implement all of the great ideas we got from today.—Steve Veldman, Professional Development Chairman, Indiana University Bloomington Chapter (Spring 2010)

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F.A.Q.s of Pre-Law

By Byron K. Rupp
Director of Pre-Law Operations

Dear Byron,

No one comes to our events. How can I make them attend programs?

Lonely at Meetings

Dear Lonely,

As an officer in the Fraternity, any time an event is planned but has minimal turnout the first question that should be asked is **how can we do better?** First, ask your members! Then, try this checklist when reviewing events that didn't meet your expectations.

1. Was the program scheduled at the same time as a big event on campus such as a football game or mid-terms? If so, be sure that you take other campus events into account when you are planning your events.

2. Was there enough publicity for the event and did you give enough notice? The greatest event, without publicity will always fail...no one can attend if they don't know about it, right?

3. Was the event something that didn't fulfill the Fraternity's expectations for our Pre-Law Chapters? Remember, as a Pre-Law organization, your members joined because they want to learn how make an informed decision about pursuing a law degree, what they can do with a law degree (traditionally and non-traditionally), getting into law school and how to succeed while there. If your events do not focus on helping your members make that informed decision, then they might not come. You have broken your promise as an officer to help them make that informed decision. Students have a lot of demands on their time, so failing to keep your programs focused on our purpose may keep people from attending.

4. Be sure to keep your attendance expectations reasonable. Not every event will have 100% turnout and aiming for that is unrealistic. Not every event will appeal to all of your members either. Someone who has already taken the LSAT probably isn't going to be interested in attending an LSAT workshop.

For more ideas regarding increasing your event attendance, I strongly recommend that you and future officers from your Chapter attend a Leadership Symposia. And remember, you can always contact me to discuss specific details!

News From The Eric Hutson Pre- Law Chapter

By Michelle Pence, Pre-Law Secretary

The Eric Hutson (Missouri State University) Pre-Law Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta has been promoting our mission on campus and in our community, while expanding our membership. Recently, we partnered with the Princeton Review to host a practice LSAT, volunteered through our Adopt-A-Street program, and hosted a "Law Class Symposium" where students were able to receive information about different law-related classes offered at Missouri State from both professors and students. In the coming months, we will sponsor a trip to Mizzou to tour their facilities, and will host meetings featuring panels of experts in the different areas of law. We are especially excited to host a Pre-Law Conference in January, featuring representatives from 12-15 area law schools and multiple test preparation companies, allowing students to have exposure to different law schools without having to travel to them all. We look forward to seeing our chapter continue to grow and support the mission of Phi Alpha Delta.

Texas Tech Holds Volleyball Social

By Eliana Padilla, Pre-Law Social Chair

This September the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Chapter at Texas Tech met for their first social event of the semester—a volleyball social. Officers Jasmine Crawford, Jasmine McWashington, Daniel Howell, Krystal McDonald and Eliana Padilla all attended and introduced new members and friends to the rest of the chapter. It provided a good opportunity for the new members to ask questions about P.A.D. and share in the group's fraternalism. We recruited 10 new members that evening, and old and new members alike had a great time socializing.





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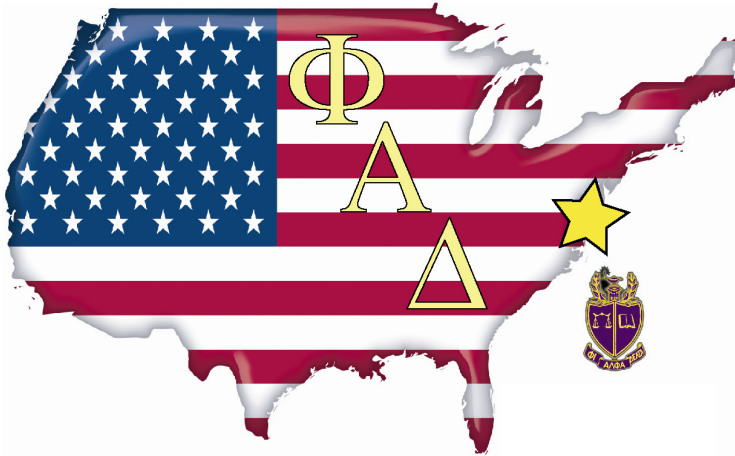


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PHI ALPHA DELTA 2010 Pre-Law Conference



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to leadership,” he says, “They are living leadership right now.”

In his first presentation, Pete will address everyone’s moment of frustration in being a leader. He will help you put things into perspective and offers tactics to immediately transform frustrations into possibilities in his session on the Four Frustrations of Student Leadership.

In his keynote address, “One Year to Make it Happen,” Pete will help you become a legend in your own time. What do you do when you’ve got a new, energetic group of officers and big plans to dominate this year? Few years result in legendary leaps and most only maintain the organization’s status quo. How do you make sure that in THIS year—your year—amazing things happen? How do you make this year the one where membership multiplies, events rock, finances flourish and you emerge a hero on the other side?

Pete will illustrate practical approaches to catapult your organization to the next level as he reveals proven strategies for students to:

- Inspire super engagement among members;
- Keep it real and promote meaty exchanges;
- Ensure that members follow through on their commitments;
- Stay passionate and focused in the heat of challenges;
- Learn from their successes and failures.

3. **Dean Reyes Aguilar** of the S.J.Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah will discuss law school financial aid and the process to apply.

4. **Jeff Thomas of Kaplan** will present “Preparing a Personal Statement” and making sure you avoid common mistakes.

And much more, including our annual mock trial competition and Pre-Law Expo featuring law schools from around the country! To register for the conference, please visit the 2010 Pre-Law Conference page at www.pad.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

The 2010 Pre-Law Conference will be held November 11–13 at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia. Sponsored by The Princeton Review, the Conference will once again feature great speakers, our nationally recognized law expo and the annual Mock Trial Competition. All Chapters should plan to attend.

Our speakers include:

1. **The Princeton Review’s Andrew Brody** who created the popular TPR podcast series “LSAT Logic in Everyday Life,” chosen by iTunes as one of the Best Podcasts of 2006.

2. **Pete Mockaitis**, author of ‘The Student Leader’s Field Guide.’ Pete believes that students have the power to make huge impacts on their campuses, especially if they take their student leadership challenges seriously. “There is no need to wait for ‘someday’ when it comes

Texas Tech Pre-Law Cleans Up in Fundraiser

By Jasmine Crawford,
Pre-Law President

In an effort to make money for our Mock Trial fund, The Texas Tech

Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law hosted a Carwash on September 4th. With the help of the service sorority, The Miller Girls, we were able to raise more than \$100. Since this carwash was so successful we have scheduled another one for September 25th. Although we did not make a thousand dollars at this carwash, we were able to establish a better fraternity bond and every cent we made gets us closer to our Mock Trial goal. We look forward to having the next carwash soon!



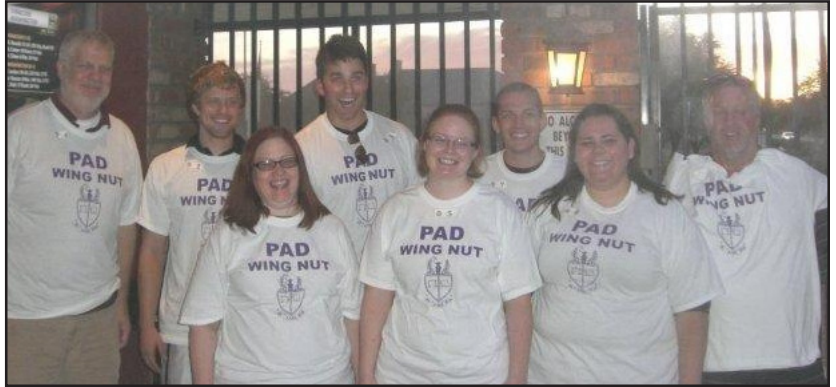
P.A.D. Wing Nuts Eat 'Em Up

By Errol Shiffman, Marshal

The First Annual Valley of the Sun Alumni Chicken Wing Eating Contest kicked off September 11th with the preliminary rounds. Competitors from Black Chapter (Arizona State) and Goldwater Chapter (Phoenix School of Law) met at sponsor Native New Yorker restaurant in Tempe, AZ to see who would move on to the final school vs. school contest, all in the name of raising money for P.A.D. law book scholarships. Eight "P.A.D. Wing Nuts" from Black Chapter and three from Goldwater, drummed up pledges per number of wings they will eat in the two round contest.

With a healthy crowd cheering on, ASU Assistant Dean of Students Tom Williams finished first overall, eating 59 wings in 10 minutes. Tom had the room squawking along with Black Chapter members Adam Alvaraz, Matt Brandon, Barbara Strand and Alex LaCroix. Goldwater alumni member Brent Kleinman was the emcee for the evening and even took time out to join in the fun, managing to scratch off some wings for the Goldwater team. Joining Brent from Goldwater were Hillary Ryan and Brittany Robinson. None of the clucking could have gone on without a few Valley of the Sun members running around like chickens with their heads (or wings!) cut off. Valley of the Sun Treasurer Crista Hall (*Goldwater*) memorialized the event with her camera. Alumni Vice Justice Kelley Durham (*Van Zandt*) and Secretary Jamie Myers (*Goldwater*) and Black Chapter Clerk David Blackledge made sure the event went smoothly, signing in competitors and making sure everyone had their "P.A.D. Wing Nut" t-shirts.

The exciting finals between Black and Goldwater Chapters were held September 25th (after this issue of *The Reporter* went to print). The competitors were vying for a first prize of a traveling chicken trophy that will be maintained by the winning Chapter and passed on from year to year. Additionally, \$100 cash and a \$50 gift certificate to Native New Yorker go to the winner. Second place receives a \$50 gift certificate to Native New Yorker and \$25 to India Gate restaurant. The biggest fundraiser will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Ra Sushi, \$50 gift certificate to Guru Palace and a \$25 gift certificate to India Gate. You can find out who won the competition on the P.A.D. Valley of the Sun Alumni Chapter Facebook page.



First Annual Valley of the Sun Alumni Chapter Wing Eating Contest competitors:

Tom Williams (ASU Asst. Dean), Alex LaCroix (Black), Matt Brandon (Black), Adam Alvarez (Black), Brent Kleinman (Goldwater), Hillary Ryan (Goldwater), Barbara Strnad (Black) and Brittany Robinson (Goldwater).



L-R: Tom Williams, Adam Alvarez, Brittany Robinson and Brent Kleinman.

District XI Participates in Race Judicata

By John K. Norris, District XI Justice

On July 22nd, District XI's Team P.A.D. once again participated in The Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation's Race Judicata event. The Foundation provides legal services to those in dire need.

Julie Ann Sebastian, Team P.A.D. Captain, and Royal Berg are to be commended for their work in making this another successful event. Returning to Team P.A.D. this year are student members Amanda Brady (*Blackstone*) and Dan Powell (*Lincoln*). Katsie Calhoun, a current Blackstone officer also participated this year on another team.



Campaign



100 Years of Alumni Chapters and Alumni Chapter Programming

Nearly 100 years ago, at its eleventh convention, Phi Alpha Delta amended its constitution to allow the establishment of Alumni Chapters. Unlike the student Chapters, the Alumni Chapters are chartered to serve all alumni members in a particular area without regard to what law school they attended. Four Alumni Chapters were chartered the first year of the new program—the Chicago Alumni Chapter, the Portland Alumni Chapter, the New York City Alumni Chapter, and the National Capital Area Alumni Chapter. Since the inception of the Alumni Chapter program, ninety-seven Alumni Chapters have been chartered in the fraternity.

In late 2008, under the direction of our International Justice Rhonda Hill, the Fraternity's Alumni Advisory Council set a goal to achieve 100 active Alumni Chapters by the 100th anniversary of the chartering of the first Alumni Chapters. 100 by 100! That 100th Anniversary will occur this biennium. This campaign has been and will continue to be promoted in *The Reporter*, on the international list serve, on the P.A.D. webpage, and in various other online groups. We have already seen great results and the reactivation and/or chartering of several Alumni Chapters, including most recently the reactivation of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter and its renaming in honor of our departed Brother Sandy Rae.

Still, there is much more to do, and to achieve our goal, we will need the support of all of our brothers and sisters. To reactivate an inactive Alumni Chapter (or to charter a new Alumni Chapter) requires a petition to the International Executive Board signed by no fewer than ten P.A.D. alumni members who actually reside or work in the community served by the Chapter. (If it is a statewide Alumni Chapter, the required number is twenty-five.) The Chapter is required to meet a minimum of two times per year (though much more is possible and encouraged), conduct annual elections, and pay an annual Chapter tax to the fraternity of \$110.00.

The Alumni Advisory Council has begun the work of coordinating this mass reactivation project by identifying potential local alumni leaders various fraternity volunteer lists and key contact lists. District Justices and Assistant District Justices are being contacted to supplement this list and the work of reaching out to the members has begun. If you are interested in participating in the reactivation or chartering of an Alumni Chapter, your Fraternity needs you!

For information about how you can help or for assistance in activating an Alumni Chapter in your area, please contact B.J. Maley, Chair of Alumni Advisory Council at attybjm@ameritech.net.

Valley of the Sun Alumni Chapter Charity Golf Tournament

By Errol Shifman, Marshal

The Valley of the Sun Alumni Chapter of Phoenix is planning a charity golf event for Saturday November 20, 2010 at the award winning Wildfire Golf Club at the JW Marriott in Phoenix. The proceeds from this event will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul, a local charity, which provides help for the homeless and working poor. They focus on providing food and clothing for those who are in need as well as shelter for the homeless, free medical care for families and free dental care for the children.

Registration is open to all and begins at 6:30 am, with tee-off at 7:45 am. The cost for this event is only \$125 per player or \$400 per foursome. This price includes: 18 holes of championship golf, lunch, raffle and awards ceremony. Sponsorships are available. If you're interested please contact Errol Shifman at eshifman@hotmail.com



Brother Brent Kleinman points out the P.A.D. logo on St. Vincent de Paul's Corporate Partners banner.

AAC ATTACK!

The Alumni Advisory Council Attacks The Fraternity's Alumni Issues

By B.J. Maley (*Webster*),
Chair, Alumni Advisory Council

On August 8, 2010, International Justice Rhonda Hill, with the advice and consent of the International Executive Board, appointed several alumni members to the 2010–2012

Alumni Advisory Council (AAC). Returning to the council again this year are B.J. Maley (*Webster/West Suburban Alumni*), Mandy Thomas (*Garland*), Bryan Feldman (*Rockefeller*) and

Thamir Kaddouri (*Frankfurter*). New alumni members appointed to the Council include Ed Anderson (*Story/Knoxville Alumni*), John Karasek (*National Capital Area Alumni*), John Miquel (*Mentschikoff*), and

Rachel Papeika (*Rasco*). Brother Maley was reappointed Chair of the Council and

Brother Ron Winter (*Alden/Niagara-Frontier Alumni*) was reappointed IEB Liaison to the Council. Applications for a student member or members were solicited through the Fraternity's online social networks as well as by outreach to the district justices. Three students were invited to participate in the Council's first meeting—Samantha Rhodes (*Willis*), Liz Szabo (*Watson*), and Michelle Reed (*Webster*). It is expected that formal appointment of student members will be made soon.

The AAC's primary responsibilities are to review and consider issues relating to the Fraternity's alumni programs and policies and make recommendations regarding existing programs or proposals to establish new programs to the Convention, the International Justice, International Executive Board, and/or the Executive Office as appropriate.

At its first meeting of the biennium on September 20th, the Council discussed a large group of issues and objectives which it intends to work on this year, in addition to any projects or issues referred to it by the International Justice or International Executive Board. Among its objectives are to continue to seek the input and contributions of the Fraternity's active alumni and Alumni Chapters. As a first step to this process, the Council will once again be reaching out to the Alumni Chapters and the alumni attendees at the recent biennial convention, and has established a discussion group on Facebook which is open to all P.A.D. Alumni members. Other items on the Council's agenda for the coming biennium include discussion of non-convention year P.A.D. Alumni gatherings, continuing support of Campaign 100, revamping of the Alumni Chapter Operations Manual, identifying and tracking potential alumni leadership on the local level, and review of constitution and by-law provisions with respect to alumni members and Alumni Chapters.

For information on the Council and its activities or to provide input on any of these matters, members are encouraged to contact any of the members listed above or participate in the Council's Facebook group. Brother Maley can be reached at attybjm@ameritech.net and the Facebook group can be found by searching groups for "Phi Alpha Delta Alumni Advisory Council".



District II Gets Crafty

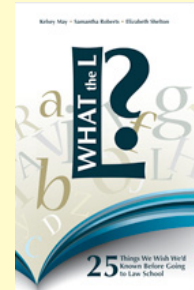
By Michelle Isherwood,
District II Justice

District II has started a knitting group for members and their friends in the San Francisco Bay area. Everyone is invited to bring his or her knitting projects and join us for a few hours of fraternal fun with yarn. Our first session was held on September 7th at Caffè Trieste on Market Street in SOMA. We will be meeting the first and third Tuesdays of the month through December to work on our holiday projects. We may rotate locations, depending on the group members. Locations will be announced on our Facebook group, <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=152421458119840>. After the New Year we plan to do some knitting for charity.

For more information on upcoming sessions contact Michelle Isherwood at michelle.isherwood@gmail.com or join our Facebook group.

P.A.D. Members Publish Book For Students

Three members of the Hardy Chapter at the University of Tulsa College of Law are pleased to announce the release of their new book, "What the L?: 25 Things We Wish We'd Known Before Going to Law School" by the Carolina Academic Press. Kelsey May, Samantha Roberts and Elizabeth Shelton, all recent graduates, started and finished the book during their last semester in law school. In it, they address issues ranging from how to choose a law school to how to approach a first year exam to different paths available to those with a law degree. Their goal was to create an accessible take on what a prospective student can expect from law school from a real student's perspective.



The San Francisco Bay Area Alumni Chapter is on the Move

By Michelle Isherwood, District II Justice

The San Francisco Bay Area Alumni Chapter has been busy! We have walked to raise money to fight cancer, tested our trivia knowledge and participated in a panel discussion at the District II Leadership Conference.

Our Chapter sponsored a team for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life Event held at Chrissy Field in San Francisco on August 21–22. Our dedicated team members set up camp in the fog and walked around the track for almost 24 hours, raising over \$1,300 to fight cancer. Our team also spent several days making reusable coffee sleeves—“like the cardboard ones at Starbucks, only cooler”—to sell as an on-site fundraiser.

On August 26th we held a general meeting and trivia night event at the Elephant and Castle, where we elected new officers and discussed upcoming events. Our new officers are: Justice Valerie Kraml, Vice Justice Keri Dikos, Clerk Pam Ng, Treasurer Michelle Isherwood, and Marshal Addyson Bailey.

After the meeting we tested our trivia knowledge against other Bay Area teams. After a hard fought battle, Team P.A.D. came in 3rd. New members from Dirksen Chapter also joined us to learn more about P.A.D. and network with alumni.

Finally, members of the Alumni Chapter participated in the “Life After Law School” Panel at the District II Leadership Conference held at Santa Clara School of Law on September 11th. Law student members were able to ask panel members questions about finding jobs, taking the bar and waiting for bar results, professionalism and more.

For more information about Chapter events or to get involved, please contact Chapter Justice Valerie Kraml at val.kraml@gmail.com.



Alumni News Briefs

Irving Michael Blank (*Henry*)

Irving Michael Blank, member of the Patrick Henry chapter at the University of Richmond Law School, was recently installed as the 72nd President of the Virginia State Bar. The Virginia State Bar is the mandatory bar of the Commonwealth of Virginia and has over 42,000 members. Mr. Blank, a personal injury plaintiff's attorney with the firm of ParisBlank, LLP in Richmond, Virginia, will serve a one year term as President.

Gene C. Wunder (*Lawson*)



Gene C. Wunder (*Lawson*) has retired from Washburn University, Topeka, KS. Dr. Wunder served as a professor of marketing, associate dean of the School of Business, and special assistant to President Hugh Thompson, during his 18 year tenure at Washburn. Prior to his tenure at Washburn University he taught business law at Truman State University. He and his wife, Judy, reside in Topeka, KS.

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Knoxville Alumni Chapter Focuses on CLE Programs

By Ed Anderson, Clerk

"In keeping with Phi Alpha Delta's declared purpose of uniting students and teachers of the law with members of the Bench and Bar and fostering integrity and professional competence, the Knoxville Alumni Chapter will continue to focus on providing quality continuing legal education to our members," said Chapter Justice Shelly L. Wilson (Brewer).

Justice Wilson should know. In addition to her duties as Chapter Justice, she also serves as the co-chair of the CLE Committee for the Knoxville Bar Association and on the Tennessee Bar Association (TBA) House of Delegates.

On November 2, 2010, the Knoxville Alumni Chapter, in partnership with the TBA, will present the annual Transitional Legal Education (TLE) program for new attorneys. Most of the attendees will be attorneys admitted to practice only the day before. "P.A.D. will present a three-hour CLE program covering the topics of civility, professionalism, the lawyer-client relationship, and staying out of trouble," said Wilson. New attorneys will also learn what resources are available to them when representing their clients.

"We are going to cover a lot of those things you don't learn in law school or during a bar review course," said Wilson. "We have an outstanding faculty lined up, including noted trial attorney G. Turner Howard, III (McReynolds), and Judge Charles E. Cerny from the Knox County General Sessions Court."

The program will be held at the University of Tennessee Conference Center in Knoxville, beginning at 9:00 a.m. For more information, visit www.tnbaru.com or the Knoxville Alumni Chapter page on Facebook.

At the 58th Biennial Convention, the Knoxville Alumni Chapter received the Fraternity's top award Professional Programming for their "How to Ethically Collect Your Judgment and Other Tips on Collecting Your Fee" seminar held in February. Chapter officers Grace I. Gardiner (Butler), Shannon M. Holland (McKellar), and Ed Anderson (Story) were on hand to accept the award on behalf of the chapter. The program faculty featured the Clerk of Court, a trial court judge, and an attorney who handled collection matters statewide. Each of the faculty were P.A.D. members.



Knoxville Alumni Chapter members (l-r) Ed Anderson (Story), Shannon M. Holland (McKellar), and Grace I. Gardiner (Butler) accept the award for Best Professional Program at the 58th Biennial Convention held in Tampa, Florida.



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interacción. ¿Que tal si nosotros no tuviéramos eventos sociales que atender con gente que compartan nuestros valores centrales? ¿Que tal si nosotros no ofreciéramos programas que están moldeados para servir nuestro lema de **servicio para el estudiante, la escuela, la profesión y la comunidad**? Nuestra Fraternidad sería muy poco profunda en lugar de ser una fuente profunda de fuerza y oportunidad que es hoy de no ser por nuestra programación.

¡Tu entiendes P.A.D. y estas ayudando para asegurar que otros la entiendan también! ¡Gracias por un gran comienzo para este 2010–2012 bienal!

Fraternalmente,
Rhonda K. Hill
Justicia Internacional



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Moreover, once you return to school it is important that you share this information with those in your Chapter who were unable to attend the conference. You may be in the midst of members who have tremendous ideas about how to conduct successful programs for the fraternity but are never given the chance to express themselves because they are not made a part of the process. We are a fraternity of inclusion; invite your membership to take an active role in Chapter event planning.

I have attended dozens of District Conferences during my 14 years on the International Executive Board, and I learn something new every time I attend one. You can, too. And you can learn something even without the benefit of attending just by reading the materials that are supplied to your Chapter at the conference.

The written materials obtained at conventions, conferences and located on our website are a treasure of information just waiting to be discovered. What are you waiting for? Start reading! Then start doing.

Just my advice.

In Memoriam: Matthew S. “Sandy” Rae (Rutledge)

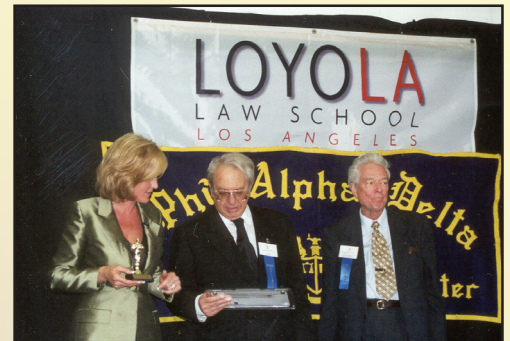
The following is excerpted from “A Tribute to Matthew “Sandy” Rae” by John F. Weitkamp (Ford), Chairman of the International Advisory Board. The full text is available from the Executive Office (info@pad.org).

On Tuesday, August 3, 2010, our Fraternity suffered a tremendous loss with the passing of Matthew “Sandy” Rae. Sandy was a charter member of the Wiley Rutledge Chapter at Duke University School of Law. He was encouraged to join by his Dean, Harold Shepherd. Two months later, our brother attended his first P.A.D. Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in December 1946. He returned to Duke and became the Justice of Rutledge Chapter.

After graduation, he was appointed Justice of District XII (then the northeastern seaboard), a position he held from 1947–1949. In 1948, Sandy attended his second Convention in Los Angeles. Brother Rae then accepted a position as National Field Representative, the first traveling P.A.D. employee. Unlike his successors, Sandy did not fly from the east coast to the west to commence his employment. He started his travels from his home and traveled west assisting troubled Chapters and working on Chapter charters as he went along. Brother Rae completed his tour of duty in 1951 and remained on the west coast. He was elected Marshal of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter (which has since been renamed the Sandy Rae Los Angeles Alumni Chapter) and rose through the ranks to become its Justice in 1961.

Sandy was present at 32 straight P.A.D. Conventions—a P.A.D. record—from his first in 1946 and ending with the 2008 Biennial Convention in Scottsdale. Along the way, Brother Rae was responsible for the installation and/or reactivation of over 15% of our law school and Alumni Chapters. In Southern California, he was “Mr. P.A.D.” He had attended more initiations in the Los Angeles area than any other P.A.D. He was also known for delivering the “Alumnus Member” charge from the initiation ritual and then departing therefrom to discuss the practice of law as a profession, our ethical obligations and the protection of the “rule of law” as the foundation of our free society.

When you ran into a P.A.D. initiated in the Los Angeles area in the past 45 years, the first question they would ask is: “How is Sandy?” Sandy’s funeral at St. Peter’s By The Sea in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. P.A.D. was well represented by 5 members of the International Advisory Board (Shelley Weinstein, Joe Deems and me, along with Curtis Anderson who flew in from Washington, DC and Cliff Schechter who flew in from New York) and seven District III Justices, including our newly appointed DJ Evan Hess. Those paying tribute to Brother Rae included California Attorney General (retired) John Van de Kamp (a P.A.D.), Executive Director Emeritus Fredrick J. Weitkamp and two of Sandy’s daughters (Maryanna Rae and Janet Rae Dupree. The Rae family was gracious enough to allow us to perform the P.A.D. Memorial Ritual for our brother, over which I presided, with all P.A.D.s present surrounding Sandy’s casket, including those referenced above along with California Court of Appeals Justices Norm Epstein and Ken Chotiner, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael B. Harwin and a handful of State Bar reps. We then had an opportunity to socialize at a reception held on site. DJ Evan Hess utilized the opportunity to circulate a petition to reactivate the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter (Sandy would have loved this!). At the viewing before the funeral service, we found out that Sandy’s P.A.D. robe will be buried with him. Sandy truly loved Phi Alpha Delta. He made it a part of his daily life and he invested much of himself in our Fraternity—and it shows. He also invested much of himself in our members, especially in our law school members, and those of us who were fortunate enough to spend time with him gained much from that association. His legacy will be lasting and he will not soon be forgotten. He will live on through every P.A.D. member he touched—and they are legion.



More Scenes From Convention!



Convention attendees filing through the registration line.



Relaxing at the Stanley H. Kohn Memorial Reception.



Casting votes during a business session.



Flamingo decoration contest entries.

Below: The 2010–2012 International Tribunal and International Executive Board.

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Fredrick H. Pearson

By John F. Weitkamp (*Ford*), Chairman,
International Advisory Board

Rick Pearson, of Union, New Jersey, is a practicing attorney specializing in litigation of civil and federal administrative matters.

He was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, in 1946, and, after completing his undergraduate work at colleges in North Carolina and Kentucky, he entered law school at the University of Cincinnati in 1971, after spending two years as a college admissions officer.

While in law school, Rick served as the reactivation Justice of Chase Chapter of P.A.D., District X Conclave Justice, President of the Law School Senate, law school delegate to the University Financial Advisory Board, Managing Editor of the State Bar Association's Labor Law Newsletter, and member of the Honor Council. For his contributions, Brother Pearson was selected to serve as the commencement speaker to his class' law school graduation.

Brother Pearson joined P.A.D. on April 28, 1972 and was Chase Chapter's delegate to the 1972 Convention where he served on the Rules & Resolutions Committee and the Nominating Committee. After graduation, he was appointed District XV Justice in late 1975 and, as a DJ was Co-Chairman of the Rules Committee in 1976 and Credential Committee in 1978. It was at the 1978 Convention in Cleveland that Rick was elected as an Associate Tribune.

At the 43rd Biennial Convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas, Brother Pearson was elected to the IEB as International Marshal. Subsequently, he served as International Historian, International Treasurer, International Secretary, International Advocate, International 2nd Vice Justice and International Vice Justice. At the 50th Biennial Convention in 1994, our brother was elected International Justice, thus becoming our 45th P.A.D. Justice.

During his sixteen years of service on the IEB, Rick served on numerous committees, including Chair of the Endowment Fund Loan Committee, Finance Committee and Tom C. Clark Award Committee. He has also served on the Pre-Law Advisory Council, Convention Ad Journal, District Restructuring and Long Range Planning Committees as well as all Convention standing committees.

Professionally, Brother Pearson has served as legal consultant by the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey, Federal Hearing Examiner with the U.S. Civil Service Commission in New York. He went into private practice in 1978 and, in 1982, he organized his own "all P.A.D." law firm in Union, New Jersey, with an emphasis on litigation. Rick has also served as a commissioner on the Elizabeth, New Jersey Board of Zoning Adjustment and thereafter as its Chairman.

Aside from his "official" duties for P.A.D., Rick has been involved in a variety of District activities. He has attended more than 40 District Conferences as well as an uncounted number of initiations and Chapter functions. In 2000, Brother Pearson served as Chair of the Nominating Committee at the Miami Beach Convention.

Brother Pearson and I have a lot of history together. I have known Rick for well better than half of my life. We have worked together on many projects over the years. When the Executive Office first began to seriously "capture" information on our law school Chapters, Rick was one of the "numbers" guys with whom I worked. We approached statistics from different viewpoints and as a result the synthesis of our work usually provided good material.

Rick is one of those members that you can call upon and he is always there. Our members and Chapters in the northeast United States have the benefit of his proximity and have benefited from his participation in a wide range of P.A.D. activities over the years.



Sutin Chapter Gears Up For Great Year

By Brittany Young, Social
Coordinator

With a new year comes new ideas, and Appalachian School of Law's Sutin Chapter plans to make this year a great experience for all! So far, we have recruited 18 new members, making Phi Alpha Delta one of the biggest organizations on campus. Targeting first year law students, we held a "Cheap Study Tricks and More Bang for your Buck" presentation. Fifty-seven students participated and were introduced to a variety of ways to get the most out of studying while saving money.

Since back-to-school time is one of the more bitter-sweet moments for students, Phi Alpha Delta wanted to do something to help new students become acquainted with their new surroundings. All students were invited to join us at the Breaks Interstate Park for a day of fun and a break from the stress of studying. Students mingled at the cook out, then had fun in the sun, engaging in activities like Kayaking, tubing, and just relaxing on the river.

Before we know it, the leaves will be changing and ghosts and goblins will be roaming. Sutin Chapter is inviting all those little ghost and goblins to our Annual Community Halloween Carnival. Currently in the planing stage, we are anticipating many of the children in the community to come trick-or-treat at ASL, offering games, prizes...and, of course, candy. In addition to our Carnival, we want to ensure that the children in our community are taken care of, which is why we are taking action by holding a backpack drive. We are asking students to bring backpacks full of food for the children to make it through the weekend. Many more activities are to come, such as our Attorney Round table, adopting a family for the holidays, and weekly gatherings.

Life on the Road With Phi Alpha Delta's Membership Services Consultants



Chris Murphy: Before starting this job, many people asked, “Won’t you be lonely traveling alone?” After three weeks of traveling as an MSC, I can easily say “No.” I have met amazing P.A.D.s in every place I go. I’ve had the opportunity help chapters with their programming and help them become better leaders. I have even had the privilege to initiate new brothers into our fraternity.

So far, I have visited seven chapters (Goldwater, Black, Knox, Hickman, Garner, McKinley, and Hayes Chapters). Each place I have gone, the students have been very friendly, and have had a tremendous interest in P.A.D. Of course, many students were hesitant at first, but became excited after I told them about the benefits of membership and the lifelong friendships

that you can form.

In Houston, I had the privilege to spend a few days with Last Past Supreme Justice C. Ray Judice (*Houston*). He taught me volumes about the history of our fraternity and the brothers who have gone before. I’ve had the great pleasure of working with amazing officers in each chapter, and even had the honor to initiate and swear in new officers.

I’ve learned that every chapter has its struggles, but if you work as a team and don’t give up, your chapter can find success. Not every program or recruitment effort will work, but keep trying! Your District Justices, Alumni, and the Executive Office/Board members are all here to help you have a fruitful P.A.D. experience. Also, if there is one thing that you can do to help your chapter succeed, it’s to start thinking about officer transitions immediately. The future success of your chapter depends on it.

Finally, thank you to the chapters and members who have been so kind to me on my visits, and thank you to my P.A.D. brothers for the opportunity to serve this Fraternity as an MSC. I’ve had the ability to see the strength of this group first hand across the country, and can say without reservation that wherever you go, you have friends in Phi Alpha Delta.

Sachin Kori: Life on the road sounds glamorous enough—traveling to parts of the country and seeing places you may not have visited before. Further, trying to recruit for P.A.D. sounds even better! So far I have visited Portland, ME and Boston, MA and have enjoyed both of those cities. Many of you who are reading this know the obvious reasons for joining P.A.D. However, this is unfortunately not the case in many law schools. Some chapters have just not had the leadership to help create the opportunities present in active chapters.

I attended the 2008 Biennial Convention and learned from leaders at more active chapters such as Hoffman and Benson how to make my chapter (McReynolds) more active. I can proudly say that not only is my chapter more active, the leaders in place now are committed to expanding even more than I was able to. I strive to ensure that I establish this same kind of enthusiasm for P.A.D. in the chapters I visit. I have found students who are excited about what P.A.D. has to offer and who are

stepping up for leadership positions. It is a great feeling to know that you are helping to build the chapters at different law schools. This benefits every member as there are now contacts in these new areas who may one day be useful to yourself or a fellow member. I am thankful for this opportunity and I encourage all of you to remain involved through chapter events, district conferences, and the Biennial Convention!

Justin Roberts: Greetings and salutations Brothers and Sisters! This is MSC Justin Roberts reporting to you from Ann Arbor, Michigan. To this point I have one trip done and I’m a quarter into my second. I’ve visited six different Chapters to this point, many of which were inactive when I started there. I’ve spent the majority of my time at these schools tabling and recruiting as many students as I can.

I’ve spent time in San Francisco, Davis, and Sacramento in California and I’m currently in Michigan where I’ve visited Lansing, Ann Arbor, and I head off to Detroit and Windsor, Ontario soon. Between the things that I’ve seen and the people I’ve met so far, this experience has been incredibly rewarding.

What makes this job so easy is that selling the organization is a breeze. Students often ask about the networking and about the “bond of fraternalism” and whether or not it’s legitimate.

It’s an easy answer for me to give. Thanks to my interactions with so many of you during my time as a law student at things like the Mock Trial or the two Conventions I’ve been to, explaining the reach of P.A.D. is really quite easy. Without all of you, the members of P.A.D. across the country, this job wouldn’t be nearly as satisfying, nor would I be able to be as sincere to the potential members I meet. So thank you members of P.A.D.—without you, this job wouldn’t be the same! Oh and if you’re in Minneapolis, Kansas City, Utah, Wyoming, or Colorado, let me know. I’m coming to your area sometime soon.



Mentschikoff Chapter Aims to Break Recruitment Record

By, Niema Mansouri, Treasurer and Jeff Scott

The Soia Mentschikoff chapter at the St. Thomas School of Law recently extended its hand to prospective members at the law school organizational fair. The chapter had over 70 sign-ups among the students.

The chapter provided free food and ran a the P.A.D. history video, "Phi Alpha Delta: A Walk Through The Decades," to help recruit students. Currently, the Soia Mentschikoff chapter has 30 active members and is on track to break recruiting records this year.

"We are very excited by the possibility of recruiting more members to our fraternity, and to have over 70 sign-ups at the fair was highly promising," said Chapter Treasurer Niema Mansouri, who is a second-year law student at St. Thomas. In addition to expanding the chapter this year to record levels, the Mentschikoff chapter will hold numerous social and community service events.



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In Memoriam: Jorge G. Pupo (*Holland*)

Jorge Gabriel Pupo, 33 and his father, Jorge R. Pupo, were killed in a head-on automobile accident in the Dominican Republic on December 14, 2009.

Brother Pupo was born in Miami on March 4, 1977. He was a member of law review at FIU and was also Treasurer of the Holland Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta.

He received a Bachelors in Health Administration from FIU and was a graduate of Belen Jesuit Prep. Jorge Gabriel inherited his parents passion for Gator football and also loved to cook, ski and travel. Those who knew him closely described Jorge Gabriel as having a selfless nature and strong dedication to family.

The accident occurred on the Juan Pablo II highway while traveling between Samana and Santo Domingo.

He is survived by his wife Jennifer Liehn, mother Elvira Pupo and sister Sue-Yen.



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In Memoriam: Amie O. Joof (*Chicago Alumni*)

Amie O. Joof passed away following a long battle with cancer. Amie, was born and raised in The Gambia, West Africa, but moved to the United States to continue her education.

Sister Joof received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Loyola University, a Master's Degree in Social Work from the Univeristy of Chicago, a Master's Degree in Women's Studies from Loyola University, and a J.D. from the DePaul School of Law. She joined the Chicago Alumni Chapter in 2009 and was active in other organizations including, Africans On The Move, The Gill Park Cooperative and the Illinois State Bar Association. Of Sister Joof, Chicago Alumni Chapter Justice Michele Jochner said, "All those who knew Amie were inspired by her courage in this battle, and her too-short life truly epitomized P.A.D.'s core value of service to the profession and the community

Cherry Chapter "LEAP"s Into Action

By Tiffany Hilton, Clerk

Every year, FAMU College of Law holds a program called the Legal Education Advancement Program (LEAP), a six-week, summer conditional program. Successful completion of LEAP may enable an applicant to gain admission into FAMU College of Law. The Cherry Chapter was the first organization to reach out to the LEAPers and offer our assistance. This year two of our officers actually served as Teaching Assistants for the program (Clerk Tiffany Hilton and Social Chair Melissa Pineda). Because of P.A.D.'s commitment and dedication to the LEAPers, most join P.A.D. once they are admitted into FAMU. Pictured at right are of some of the LEAPers who were admitted into school, some of whom were initiated into the Cherry Chapter on September 23, 2010.





FIU Pre-Law's Recruitment Week

By Daniela Saczek, Alumni and Public Relations Chair

For 2010–2011 the goal of the P.A.D. Pre-Law Chapter at Florida International University is to re-energize recruitment. First we created buzz about the launching of our new website, fiuprelaw.org, where prospective new members could find out everything they need to know about our local Chapter and the national organization. The website, which went online during the summer, features upcoming recruitment events, prominent members, a look at our executive board, and current members. Through this website, prospective new members could demonstrate interest by filling out a short questionnaire, allowing us to gauge the amount of interest among the

student body. We received over 60 statements of interest in the summer alone!

At every freshman orientation throughout the summer Phi Alpha Delta welcomed the incoming FIU class. We promoted the organization through tabling in our campus center and collecting information about interested members. These recruitment efforts resulted in over 200 interested students signing up to receive email updates about our fall recruitment week events.

On September 7th we kicked off Recruitment Week with a Billiards Night. The event was a great success with a record-breaking turnout! Members enjoyed the opportunity to meet and socialize with potential recruits in a casual, relaxed environment.

On Wednesday, September 8th, an FIU law professor, Hannibal Travis, spoke to the Chapter about issues affecting the law profession today. This included how to navigate the job market after obtaining a law degree, how to become a law school professor, and the value of a professional education. Having graduated from Harvard Law, Professor Travis articulated the benefits of attending law school emphasizing an array of fields in which lawyers can achieve important social changes.

Other Recruitment Week events included our annual “Meet the P.A.D.s” event which included a formal presentation of Phi Alpha Delta’s history, goals, values, and vision, and a P.A.D.-hosted law school symposium and law fair which included both an admissions and law student panel. At the admissions fair, several Florida law school representatives answered questions regarding their respective institutions. The admissions panel revealed the process of applying to law school from admissions perspective. The panel members represented mostly Florida schools, but included a few others, most notably, New York’s Fordham Law School. Members and prospective new members alike benefitted from the networking opportunities of meeting admissions representatives. The law student panel was made up of our FIU Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Alumni who are currently attending law school. Those in attendance were particularly excited to learn about what it is actually like to be a law student, which spurred a very dynamic question and answer period.

Overall, our Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law had an exceptional recruitment week. We have not only had a record-breaking number of interested students, but the caliber of our incoming recruits is unparalleled. Based on our recruitment success, we look forward to what lies ahead in the coming months.

Northeastern University Pre-Law Chapter Presents Author/Attorney

By Janelle Peiczarka, Pre-Law Secretary

As a relatively new Chapter, the Northeastern University Pre-Law Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta is looking forward to the Fall and has big plans to expand and develop our membership base. We plan to partner with several Boston-area organizations for community service projects, especially in the area of juvenile justice. Our first event of the academic semester called “Killing Time with John Hollway” brought author John Hollway to our campus on September 15, 2010. His book, “Killing Time,” tells the true story of John Thompson, put on death row in 1984 for the alleged murder of a wealthy white man in the South. Days before his execution, lawyers were able to discover new evidence both proving his innocence, as well as the District Attorney’s efforts to frame him. John Hollway, a former attorney for both a federal prosecutor’s office and a defense attorney, presented the different facts of the case and described how it unfolded. This event was well-attended and brought awareness to our campus about the need for strong legal advocacy and justice. The proceeds from John Hollway’s book go to helping John Thompson to put his life back together after 18 years in prison, 14 of which were on death row.

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Law and Technology: Briefing the “e-Brief” Way

By David Gray, CEO, www.eCasebriefs.com

The new school year is under way and you are now getting into the law school groove. As you have probably realized by now, the most important foundation of learning the law is the not only reading the cases, but comprehending them enough for you to discuss in class via the Socratic method. Probably nothing better prepares you for this “professor confrontation” than having the case briefed which allows you to at least be somewhat ready if randomly called upon.

We have all been exposed to the numerous ways of briefing whether formally in a well prepared IRAC document or somewhat superficially by being written in the margin of your casebook.

Probably it is best to practice the former method until you get comfortable enough whereby you are able to fully understand the Socratic process if called upon. Since, in this article, we are assuming the formal briefing process is the method of choice chances are you

writing your brief in your computer. There are many sources you can use to help with your brief and in fact many services offer some form of a case brief or another. Experience tells me that content written by professionals over content written by unknowns should more often than not, be the preferred sources from which to rely upon.

Now that we established you will probably write your brief on your computer, the next question that needs to be asked is what sort of study aid you will use to help in the development of your brief. There are canned briefs in print form and others in digital form. Let’s make the assumption that since you are writing your briefs on the computer that you will also want to use digital study aids over print study aids just to make the integration process easier. The three types of companies that provide these materials are the legal databases, content for cost web sites, and those web sites that offer free content.

Let’s discuss the legal content databases. Databases such as Lexis and Westlaw each provide some sort of a case overview, but neither provides the traditional case brief the way you are trained to write for your in class discussion purposes. They both do however provide well developed, quality content overviews that can be used to help you understand and write your brief. Next, there are the paid for study aid sites. Although there are only a couple at this point, they do serve a purpose and in fact, they may even draft their briefs in the traditional IRAC method. The problem with these services is that many times the download process is inconsistent and problematic. This creates frustration when dealing with technical support staffs because many times they are not available 24/7. As a student, you need your content when you need it and not when technical support staffs are available or not. Moreover, the content costs which always puts a damper in a student’s monthly budget. Finally, there are the free web sites offering study aid content.

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